

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Unincorporated Communities (AS 37.05.317)****Grant Recipient: Chenega Bay****Project Title:****Chenega Bay - Sewer Line to Subsistence Building****State Funding Requested: \$ 75,000****House District: 5 - C**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Construct sewer line to the subsistence building.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$75,000**Funding SecuredOther Pending RequestsAnticipated Future Need

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There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The subsistence building was completed in spring 2006 to provide a safe environment to prepare subsistence catch. Unfortunately, there was not enough construction funding (funded by EVOS) to construct the sewer line to the building. As a result, the building is of limited value to the community. If the building is fully functional, residents will be able to prepare their subsistence catch in a safe environment rather than at home with additional people in the vicinity.

After the Exxon Valdez oil spill, subsistence activities by Chenega residents were virtually eliminated. Only recently have subsistence activities resumed on a limited basis. Subsistence is an important part of the community's culture as well as an important source of food. The community is working hard to maintain its culture and also find avenues to reduce costs for families in the community.

**Project Timeline:**

Completion by September 2008.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Chenega IRA Council

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

## **The Native Village of Chenega Bay**

### Location and Climate

Chenega Bay is located 42 miles southeast of Whittier in Prince William Sound. Winter temperatures range from 17 to 28 degrees Fahrenheit. Summer temperatures range 49 to 63 degrees Fahrenheit. Average annual precipitation includes 66 inches of rain and 80 inches of snowfall.

### History, Culture, and Demographics

This Alutiiq village was first reported by Ivan Petroff in the 1880 census. At that time, the village was located on the southern tip of Chenega Island. The village was destroyed and over half of all residents perished by a tsunami after the 1964 earthquake. The village was reestablished in 1984 on Evans Island.

A federally-recognized tribe is located in the community -- the Native Village of Chenega. The population of the community consists of 77.9% Alaska Native or part Native. Chenega Bay practices a subsistence and commercial fishing lifestyle. During the 2000 U.S. Census, total housing units numbered 27, and vacant housing units numbered 5. U.S. Census data for Year 2000 showed 23 residents as employed: the unemployment rate as 14.81 %, although 51.06 % of all adults were not in the work force; the median household income as \$53,750; per capita income was \$13,381; and, 15.58% of residents were living below the poverty level.

### Facilities, Utilities, Schools, and Health Care

A surface water collection system with a dam, treatment, and storage capacity of 50,000 gallons, allows for piped distribution. Sewage is piped to a 20,000-gallon community septic tank; some homes use individual septic tanks. Refuse collection services are provided. An oil and hazardous waste recycling center was completed in 1998. Electricity is provided by Chenega Bay IRA Village Council. There is one school located in the community, attended by 14 students. Chenega Bay Clinic is a Primary Health Care facility. Emergency Services have coastal and helicopter access. Emergency service is provided by volunteers and a health aide.

### Economy and Transportation

Limited commercial fishing and subsistence activities occur in Chenega. One resident holds a commercial fishing permit. Cash employment opportunities are very limited. In recent years, Chenega's population has declined.

Chenega has a small boat harbor and dock. A gravel runway and a float plane landing area are available. Scheduled and chartered flights depart from Cordova, Valdez, Anchorage, and Seward.

**Kimberly Clark**

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**From:** Mark Hickey [mshickey@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 10, 2008 2:08 PM  
**To:** Kimberly Clark  
**Subject:** Chenega FY 2009 Capital Requests  
**Attachments:** Chenega2008CapRequests.doc; ChenegaOilSpillResponse.doc; Chenega.doc

Kimberly,

Per our discussion, I wanted to forward the capital requests from the Village of Chenega Bay.

The first package lists the following three requests in priority order:

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| 1. Playground Equipment            | \$50,000 |
| 2. Sewer line to subsistence bldg. | \$75,000 |
| 3. Utility Truck                   | \$32,000 |

I've also included our request for an Oil Spill Response/Vehicle Maintenance Building. Total cost for this project is estimate at about \$2.4 million. We are pursuing a number of possible funding sources at this time - (e.g., EVOS Trustee Council; Denali Commission). I wanted you to have this available in case there's an opportunity to fund this type of project as part of the GO bond idea or another approach to fund needed infrastructure. My folks will be ready to discuss this idea in greater detail when they come to town in early March.

The final item is a brief community description for use as back-up.

Let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thanks for your help...

Mark Hickey  
#723-8574

## **State Capital Improvement Projects Requests**

Title: Sewer line to subsistence building

Priority: #2 of 3

Project description: Construct sewer line to the subsistence building

Justification: The subsistence building was completed in spring 2006. Unfortunately, there was not enough construction funding (funded by EVOS) to construct the sewer line to the building. As a result, the building is of limited value to the community.

Level of need: \$75,000

Support/comments:

Local matching funds: Matching funds are currently being sought.

Operations/maintenance: Funds for operations and maintenance of the building will be provided by the Chenega IRA Council.

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Time line: completion by September 2008